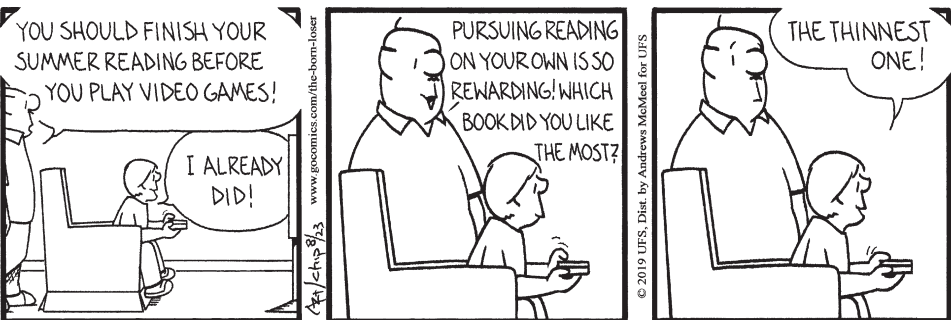


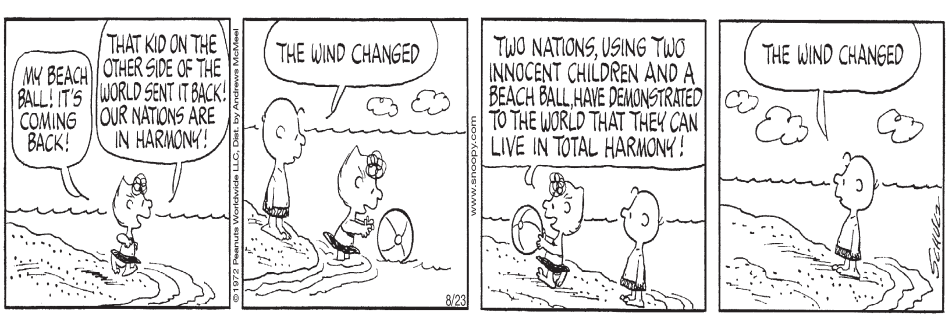
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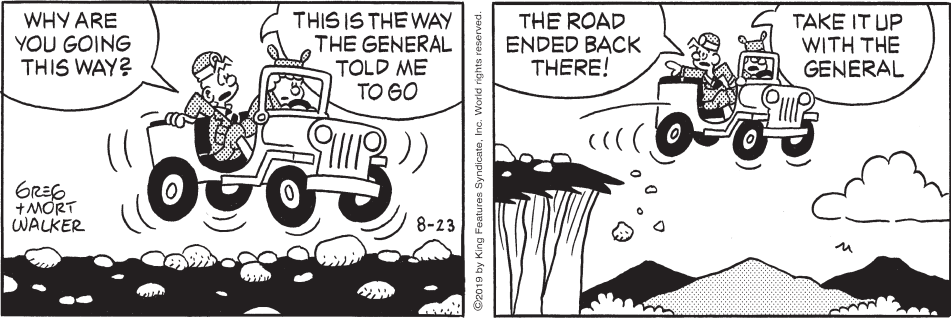
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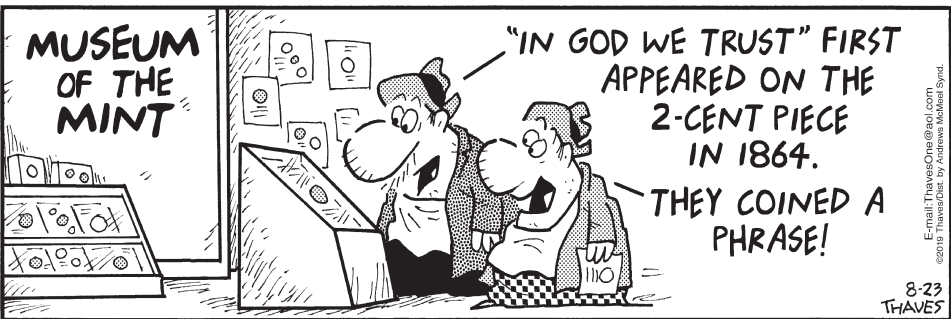
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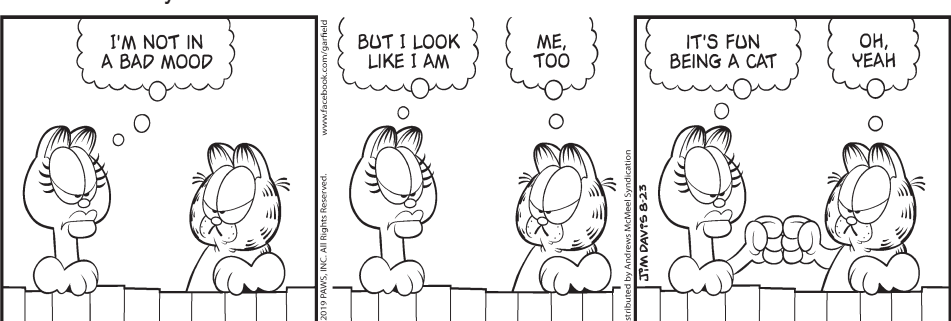
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Kind of hog
5 Disparity
8 Soft drink
11 The "Y" in FYI
12 Sultan's kin
14 Clean air org.
15 Dueler's weapon
16 Pet adoption
17 Make a seam
18 Thick slices
20 Vine supports
22 — Zedong
23 Ms. Klensch
24 Baker's need
27 Blaze
29 Coffee dispenser
30 Warty critter
32 Victimized
36 — Winslet of "Titanic"
38 Idaho neighbor
40 Pamplona shout
41 Achy

- 43 Romantic interlude
45 Daisy Mae's creator
47 1,101, in old Rome
48 Comes as a ghost
50 Approves
53 Sum up
54 Parrot
56 Care about
58 — Lanka
59 Membership fees
60 Homer opus
61 Four-footed pal
62 Impart color
63 Audition tape

DOWN

- 1 Deli bread
2 Excuse me!
3 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author
4 Sleep phenomena
5 Mural
6 Roadie gear
7 Typewriter type

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	O	P	E	A	L	E	E	O	F	T
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- 8 Mexican moolah
9 Soap —
10 Puppy feet
13 More unusual
19 Quilt stuffing
21 Veined cheese
24 — it up (have some laughs)
25 Victorian, e.g.
26 Industrious insect
27 Doom
28 Ms. Lupino of film
31 Not their
33 Nutritious bean
34 House wing
35 Penn. neighbor
37 Game channel
39 Hayseed
42 Chose
44 Placed a call
45 Elite squad
46 Books inspection
47 Bullwinkle, for one
48 Door fastener
49 Low-drifting clouds
51 Egad!
52 Look over
55 Yo!
57 Author Umberto —

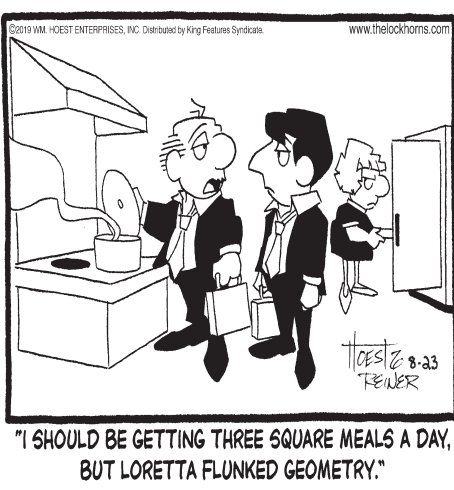
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After intentionally hitting his drive into the woods, Justin flew a drone golf ball into the hole for a 290-yard double eagle.

Astrograph

Your Birthday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019

Consider what you want and head in that direction. A change you've been wanting to make can now be considered seriously. Lay the foundation and start the process. Don't wait for someone to make the first move. It's up to you to go after your goals. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If someone questions your motives, take a more in-depth look to ensure that you are making the changes you want and not just trying to please someone who is pressuring you. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't expect others to do things for you or hand you an opportunity on a silver platter. If you want something, pursue it wholeheartedly so you can call it your own. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Listen to reason and recognize the cockamamie. Knowing the difference between what's doable and what's not

will be what counts at the end of the day. Trust your instincts, not someone's bluster. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You don't have to become something you are not to prove yourself to others. Learn to love who you are and to associate with people who value your friendship. Avoid emotional foolhardiness. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you negotiate on your own behalf, you'll get what you want. Whether you are in pursuit of more attention, cash or a better lifestyle, determination, persuasiveness and a little patience are favored. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take care of personal matters to avoid getting into a senseless dispute. Have a clear picture of the changes you want to put into play and proceed openly. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Listen to someone who has never let you down. You may not like what you hear, but it will be good for you to hear it. Avoid temptation. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Gather information and explore your options. Don't let

your emotions cause you to forgo something vital for someone else's sake. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- A change is heading your way. Get ready to take advantage of a chance to learn something new, travel somewhere exciting or spend time with a loved one. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- You'll be torn between what you want and what you know is best for you. It's OK to think big, but taking baby steps will help you avoid a costly mistake. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- How you help others will influence the outcome of a situation that's important to you. Partnerships and sharing should be your top priorities. Love and romance will ease stress. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take care of family affairs. Update contracts and personal documents, and do your best to lower your overhead. Don't trust someone else to handle your affairs properly.

Bridge

North 08-23-19			
♠ 8 6 3 2			
♥ 10 5 2			
♦ A Q 5			
♣ Q 9 8			
West			
♠ K Q J 9			
♥ 3			
♦ 10 8 6 3			
♣ 7 6 4 3			
East			
♠ 10 7 4			
♥ Q J 8 7			
♦ J 9 4			
♣ A 5 2			
South			
♠ A 5			
♥ A K 9 6 4			
♦ K 7 2			
♣ K J 10			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South West North East			
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

CAN YOU PICTURE THEIR KEY CARDS? Vincent van Gogh said, "A good picture is equivalent to a good deed." He had such a great visualization of the world around him, especially when he was in the countryside. I am not confident that he would have made a good bridge player, but being able to picture the placements of your opponents' cards is important. In today's deal, for example, how should South play in four hearts after West leads the spade king? South might well rebid three no-trump over two hearts, which North would pass with such a flat hand and poor hearts. But making that contract after West leads the spade king would need good guesswork. If South correctly reads the spades as 4-3, he will play for 1

spade, 3 diamonds, 2 clubs & 3 hearts, which involves taking 2 heart finesses through East. In four hearts, declarer has two losers outside trumps, so he must hold his heart losers to one. If the suit is splitting 3-2, there are no problems. But what if they are 4-1? If West has four, South will need to find East with a singleton honor. If East has the length, though, declarer will be fine if he is careful. The percentage play is first to cash the ace. If an honor drops, fine. But when one does not, South continues by leading low toward dummy's 10. Here, West discards, and East wins with his jack. When declarer regains the lead (probably by ruffing the third round of spades), he crosses to the board with a diamond and plays a heart to his nine.